

MUNICH MASSACRE CHIEF IS ARRESTED IN PARIS

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS — Terrorist chief Abu Daoud, who is believed to have organized the 1972 massacre of Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich, has been arrested here during a visit for the funeral of a French policeman killed in the attack.



ABU DAUOD

Abu Daoud, whose name is Mohammed Daoud Audeh, was arrested by French police who trailed him to hotel after the Palestinian delegation ended the funeral of Mahmoud al-Khatib, who was shot dead last Monday outside the Arab bookshop which he managed in Paris' Latin Quarter.

German Government. He is not sought by the French police. Israeli officials here believe Abu Daoud might have been setting up a terrorist act in France to avenge the killing of a French policeman.

anxiety that the French Government might release Daoud in response to pressure from Iraq, Algeria, Libya and other Arab countries.

The three Arab governments have already protested to the Quai d'Orsay against the arrest but the French Government has not yet issued a reply.

Abu Daoud is a 40-year-old Jerusalemite who trained to be a lawyer before he became notorious as commander of the Fatah unit during the "Black September" month of violence against King Hussein's forces in Jordan in 1970.

The French authorities are now waiting for Israel and West Germany to follow up Abu Daoud's arrest by formally applying for his arrest within 18 days. If no application is received here the terrorist could go free.

A spokesman in Bonn said the West German Government expects to apply for an extradition within the 18-day limit.

(In Jerusalem, officials of the Justice and Foreign Ministries met yesterday to discuss the possibility of asking the French to extradite Abu Daoud to Israel. But as of last night (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

Hussein to meet Sadat in Aswan

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Jordan's King Hussein will go to Egypt on Thursday for talks with President Anwar Sadat, Cairo's official Middle East News Agency said yesterday. This will be Hussein's first meeting with Sadat in over two years.

The Jordanian monarch last visited Egypt in 1974 when Sadat first declared his support for a link between Jordan and the Palestinians, in particular on the West Bank. Sadat has recently reiterated his support for such a link.

In a dispatch from Amman, MEENA said that Hussein will meet Sadat in the Upper Egypt town of Aswan, the site often chosen by Sadat for crucial talks. Earlier reports said that Saudi Arabia's King Khalid was also expected there next Saturday.

The Egyptian press reported that Sadat held telephone conversations on Saturday with both Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Jordan and Syria yesterday agreed at the last minute to dispatch their foreign ministers along with their respective heads of state to Riyadh for a conference grouping the three Arab states and their oil-rich financial backers. The conference which was in session last night was due to discuss the extension of aid to the Arab states confronting Israel as well as the consolidation of cooperation between the participants especially with regard to Middle East conflicts.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, which was not initially invited, had a low-ranking representative as an observer at the Riyadh party. This was the first time the PLO's standing has been played down at an Arab gathering. In contrast, it was the first time Jordan is being treated on equal footing with Egypt and Syria.

The Jordanians have sent Prime Minister Mudar Badran who is also his country's Foreign and Defence Minister. The Syrians were represented by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. The Egyptians had Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy only at the opening session. He went back to Cairo for a "crowded programme" last night, leaving behind his country's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mohammed Riad. The oil-rich states were all represented by their foreign ministers.

Barak advises Cabinet to halt police probe of Ofer allegations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Aharon Barak yesterday advised the Cabinet to close the preliminary police inquiry into the allegations against the late Housing Minister Avraham Ofer. The Cabinet yesterday also published an unprecedentedly detailed account of the events surrounding the inquiry.

The Attorney-General's own account was supplemented by a second detailed account by the Prime Minister. From a reading of the lengthy communique emerging from yesterday's Cabinet meeting it seemed clear that their purpose was a two-fold one: to steer a difficult middle course between the need to put to rest suspicions of any special treatment accorded to the late Minister in the course of the police investigations; and accusations by Ofer's friends and family that he may have been driven to suicide due to the callousness of his colleagues in government.

The highlight of Prime Minister Rabin's account undoubtedly centres on Friday, December 31, three days before Ofer's suicide. Rabin reported to the Cabinet that up to that date he had been urging the Attorney-General to speed up the police inquiry, but he had been careful not to promise Ofer that the inquiry would be concluded on any specific date.

On the Friday in question, Rabin reported, he was informed by the Attorney-General at 10 a.m. that the final police report would be ready at 2 p.m. that day. At 6 p.m., however, he was informed that new material had cropped up and that the Attorney-General wanted to report to him on it personally in the presence of the Ministers of Justice and of Police. It was at that point that the four-sided meeting had been set for the morning, Saturday, at the Prime Minister's Tel Aviv home.

At that meeting, the gist of which is given in the accompanying report by the Attorney-General, Rabin asked him to prepare a report on the status of the inquiry which could be given to Ofer on Sunday.

Following the Sunday Cabinet meeting, the four men met again and Rabin met with Ofer afterwards to inform him of the state of the inquiry. The Cabinet communique quotes Rabin as telling Ofer that the only outstanding problem was the testimony of attorney Haim Goshen (a state witness in the

Asher Yadlin case) which had been given in writing on Friday.

Rabin said that he was sure that police examination of this latest testimony would not take more than a few more days. To which Ofer was reported to have said "I am this he given to the Attorney-General himself. Zadok said he had promised to convey this request to Prof. Barak with his own recommendation. He expressed his confidence that Prof. Barak would accede to Ofer's request. At the end of this conversation, too, Ofer had reiterated his protestation of innocence. His only request, he had said, was that the inquiry be speeded up.

In reply to a question by one of the Ministers, Prof. Barak said that under law the police inquiry was closed even if members of the Cabinet (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

Allegation of illegal transfers to Labour

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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TEL AVIV — "Haolam Hazeh" reporter Yigal Laviv claimed yesterday that Shikun Ovdim leaders helped steal some IL2m. from the Histadrut's housing company and transfer it to the Labour Party's election fund. The theft occurred between 1972 and 1974, he claimed.

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz told The Post that the allegations were "lies and falsehoods."

At a press conference here yesterday, "Haolam Hazeh" editor Uri Avnery said he had reasonable grounds to suspect millions of pounds were transferred by "some bodies" in Shikun Ovdim to the Labour Party's national headquarters or to its Tel Aviv branch when Rabinowitz ran for the mayorship.

Laviv yesterday sent a letter to Attorney-General Aharon Barak and

to Nitzav Yaakov Kedmi, head of the police investigations into the Yadlin and Ofer affairs.

(Earlier complaints presented by Laviv led to the investigation against Kupat Holim head Asher Yadlin and the late Minister of Housing Avraham Ofer who headed Shikun Ovdim before joining the Cabinet in 1974.)

Avnery claimed that "very powerful people are trying to utilize Ofer's death to put an end to the campaign against corruption and to grant immunity to a whole group of corrupt institutions and people."

Laviv claimed that Rabinowitz and Dov Ben-Meir (who now heads the Tel Aviv Labour Council) should be among those investigated. He said they should know about the transfers to the Labour Party election fund.

Rabinowitz told The Post "He's talking utter rubbish."



Prime Minister Rabin looks on as an usherette fixes the earring of Asher Yadlin, president of World Wizo, before going on stage for the opening session of its conference in Jerusalem last night. (Ben-Amit, Sunphot)

Syrians enter leftist area near Beirut

BEIRUT — The predominantly Syrian Arab peacekeeping force yesterday entered the leftist-controlled Shout area southeast of Beirut for the first time since a cease-fire was imposed in Lebanon two months ago.

A statement by the peace force quoted by Beirut radio, said a battalion had entered the Shout district and began to take positions there. The move was believed to have been taken in preparation for disarming all warring factions by Wednesday night.

Lebanon's 20-month civil war had ended almost throughout the country on November 15 when the largely Syrian 30,000-strong Arab League force moved into main battle zones to separate combatants — made up chiefly of Christian militias and an alliance combining the Palestine Liberation Organisation and leftists.

Meanwhile, Syrian Information Minister Ahmed Iskandar in an interview yesterday defended censorship in Lebanon. He said it would silence "alien pens" which might provoke new strife and "malign those who are putting their very lives on the line for Lebanon and its future."

Bukovsky: Detente harms dissidents

LONDON — The Western policy of detente with the Soviet Union is "positively murderous" for the human rights movement there, the released dissident Vladimir Bukovsky said Sunday.

The 34-year-old biologist told the "Sunday Times": "All this East-West trade is paid for in our blood."

Bukovsky, who campaigned for political prisoners incarcerated in Soviet mental hospitals, said he was in Perm labour camp when President Nixon visited Moscow in June-July 1974.

TEACHER AND LAWYER

By HERSE GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Abu Daoud was born on May 16, 1936 in the Silwan quarter of Jerusalem, and was a teacher at a government school in Jordan between 1960 and 1962. He moved to Saudi Arabia in 1960 where he taught in a high school for five years before moving to Kuwait where he worked as a law clerk until 1968. He then returned to Jordan to complete his studies.

northern Jordan. He moved to Amman to set up a central intelligence network.

In 1970 Abu Daoud moved to Lebanon where a year later he was elected to the Fatah Revolutionary Council, and coordinated Fatah activities in Israel. In 1972 he joined Black September and with the gang's Abu Iyyad planned most of its actions.

Israeli intelligence sources are convinced that Abu Daoud was the chief architect of the Munich attack in September 1972, which resulted in the death of 11 Israeli

sportsmen as well as a German policeman. He managed to slip out of Germany.

He was arrested in Jordan in February 1973 on charges of attempting to blow up the Jordanian Prime Minister's office and was sentenced to death. Syrian pressure resulted in his sentence being commuted to life imprisonment, but after less than one year he was released and went to Damascus.

Later he became politically active for the Fatah in Iraq, representing the interests of an extremist breakaway faction under Abu Nidal.



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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OPINION

Sequence of the police inquiry on Ofer . . . Discontinue police probe

Mr. Prime Minister, I shall give a written account of the sequence of events regarding the probe conducted by the police in the wake of "complaints" that reached in the matter of the late minister Avraham Ofer. The complaints related to the period in which Ofer was managing director of Shikun Ovdim.

The matter started on November 16, 1976. On that day, Yigal Laviv handed in a letter of "complaint" addressed to Commander Yaakov Kedmi, head of the Police Investigation Department. Laviv alleged 10 different subjects in which he raised suspicions of offences committed by Ofer.

The lodging of the complaint brought to my knowledge, and following day — November 17, I held a meeting in my office in which the State Attorney, the head of the investigation department took part. At this meeting, it was decided that the information conveyed by Laviv would be examined by the police in order to ascertain its nature, and the manner of dealing with it. With the concurrence of the Minister of Police,

the head of the investigation department directed that the probe be conducted by a team of officers headed by the head of the investigation section at National Police Headquarters, Assistant Commander R. Minkovsky. This team numbered four persons.

4. The team, with the concurrence of the head of the investigation department, decided to launch the probe by taking a detailed statement from Laviv, who was then on reserve service. Laviv was summoned, and gave a statement on November 17, 1976. Laviv gave the police a further letter of complaint in which he submitted 12 additional subjects wherein he raised suspicions of offences committed by Ofer. On November 29, 1976 and December 14, 1976, Laviv handed in two further letters of complaint, containing eight additional subjects raising suspicion of offences committed by Ofer.

5. Ever since November 17, the day on which Laviv's statement was first taken, the team engaged in probing the subjects raised in the first letter of complaint — and in the course of the probe, upon receipt of the further letters of com-

plaint, the team also inquired into the further subjects raised in those letters.

6. The subjects of the complaint probed by the team were many and varied, and required taking statements from a considerable number of witnesses, conducting many clarifications and examining hundreds of documents.

The team was subject to limitations necessitated by the nature and character of the probe. The matter concerned a preliminary police examination of information unaccompanied by evidence. For this reason, and as is customary in similar instances, the team was obliged to ensure discretion, prevention of publicity and (prevention of) unnecessary injury to a person's reputation. Needless to say that such a probe entails, in the nature of things, an indirect and confidential approach to persons and documents — as distinct from a direct approach obtaining in an ordinary police investigation — and the course of these proceedings constitutes a delaying factor.

7. The head of the investigation team provided a continuous flow of reports on the course of the probe to Commander Kedmi, and the latter reported continuously to the Minister of Police and to myself. I reported on the sequence of events as detailed above, and particularly on the new statement that had been given the previous day. In the further course of the meeting, the question was raised of the details that could at that stage be made known to Ofer, and I took it upon myself to examine the subject and to reply the following day. At the end of the meeting, the Minister of Police promised, at the request of the participants, that he would do all he could towards expediting the processes of the probe so that it could be completed within a few days.

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Laviv. On that day, however, the police were given a further statement in which Laviv, who was then on reserve service, stated that he had raised further subjects for probe. This statement referred to acts that occurred during Ofer's tenure as managing director of Shikun Ovdim, in which the witness had been personally involved. The suspicion raised in the new statement obligated further probe. It supplemented and precluded the team from concluding its activity. The team was to continue the further probe the following week.

10. The contents of this statement were brought by the head of the investigation department to the attention of the Minister of Police, and to my attention, at about noon on that same day — December 31. Shortly thereafter, I reported to you the existence of the statement and the substance of what it contained, and I proposed that a meeting be convened, with the participation of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Police, for a detailed report. In accordance with your instructions, the discussion was set for Saturday, January 1, at 10.30 at your home.

11. At the meeting that took place at your home — with the participation of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Police — I reported on the sequence of events as detailed above, and particularly on the new statement that had been given the previous day. In the further course of the meeting, the question was raised of the details that could at that stage be made known to Ofer, and I took it upon myself to examine the subject and to reply the following day. At the end of the meeting, the Minister of Police promised, at the request of the participants, that he would do all he could towards expediting the processes of the probe so that it could be completed within a few days.

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Mr. Prime Minister, You have requested my opinion on the question whether the probe should continue with the police in the wake of the new statement of the late minister. Ofer. On the sequence of events in this probe, I reported to you in my letter (under separate cover) of today's date. And this is my opinion.

2. The provision of the law relevant to the matter under review appears in section 207 of the Criminal Procedure Law, 1965, which stipulates as follows:

"When a person, has died, any criminal proceedings against him shall be discontinued."

The concept "criminal proceedings" in this connection includes, as a principle, any proceedings according to the provisions of the aforementioned law, and these provisions include also police probing and investigative activities. My opinion is, therefore, that the provision of section 207 of the law applies to police probing and investigation proceedings, and these are discontinued upon the demise of the person regarding whom they had been conducted.

3. Discontinuation of probe and investigation, as mentioned, is called for also from the reasons underlying police action in probing complaints submitted to it. Police investigation is a state auxiliary instrument for the attainment of certain ends, and is not a goal in itself. In circumstances such as those in the matter under review, the purpose of the probe is not to elucidate the facts per se, but rather the gathering of the evidence necessary for determining a stand on the issue of placing a person on trial. The police probe must assume a possibility — albeit hypothetical — of placing a person on trial, and should be examined in this regard. Once the foundation underlying the possibility of bringing a person to trial is removed, there is no longer any

point — neither logically nor juridically — to continuation of the probe and investigation by the police.

4. No less important and decisive is the personal factor of the person in whose matter a probe or investigation is conducted by the police. Assessment of the force and weight of a probe and investigation entails, in the nature of things, availability of an opportunity for the person concerned to have his say and to comment — in any manner he may choose — on the subjects of the suspicion laid against him. In the absence of opportunity to comment — and this is non-existent when the person concerned has died — the probe or investigation can never be complete, and is of necessity wanting. It transpires that not only would the police no longer be able to determine an unequivocal stand concerning the results of the probe, but that these are liable to be unilateral, to present a distorted general picture, and thereby cause the deceased irreparable injustice. This is a further weighty substantive and practical reason, leading to the conclusion that there is no room for continuation of the probe in the matter under review.

5. To sum up: where a probe is conducted by the police in the mat-

ter of any person, and said person has died before completion of the probe, it is only right that the probe be discontinued — whether in accordance with the legislator's behest, or because the probe would not serve any of the purposes for which it is intended, or because it would be impossible to complete it properly while doing justice to the person concerned.

6. Needless to say that in cases in which the question whether from its commencement or because of facts revealed in its course — concerns a number of persons, the demise of one of them cannot bring about its discontinuation regarding the others, and the probe shall be continued insofar as this may be necessary to their case. In the present instance, the police will thus have to examine the material collected in the probe, in order to determine whether the said condition for continuation of the probe has been met.

In conclusion: the police probe, insofar as it concerns the late minister Ofer, should be discontinued. It is a great principle in law, that a person is deemed innocent as long as a court has not decreed otherwise. The late minister Ofer was deemed innocent while alive, and so does he remain in death.

NOTE TO READERS

The Jerusalem Post this week begins producing its news pages by a process of computerized photo-setting. The Post is the first newspaper in Israel to introduce this new and more efficient electronic printing method. During this transition stage

some pages will look slightly different from others, because the type faces of the photo-setting equipment are different from traditional lead type-faces. We trust that our readers will bear with us during this transition phase.

SPECIAL EDITION! HALU'AH HAKAFUL in English

All classified advertisements for Friday received at the Main Office of Halu'ah Hakaful by the Wednesday evening preceding publication will appear in The Jerusalem Post EVERY FRIDAY

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cloudy to partly cloudy.

	Yesterday's	Today's	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	51	1-9	10		
Golan	50	1-9	10		
Nahariya	45	5-16	17		
Haifa Port	67	7-17	18		
Tiberias	53	4-16	18		
Nazareth	48	4-12	15		
Afula	51	5-14	16		
Shomron	44	4-11	13		
Tel Aviv	47	7-16	13		
B-4 Airport	38	6-17	13		
Jericho	47	5-19	20		
Gaza	54	6-18	15		
Beerseba	44	5-14	13		
Eilat	38	5-19	21		
Tiran Straits	27	15-28	28		

Social and Personal

"What Does it Mean to be a Jew in Israel?" is the subject for a panel discussion this evening at 8 o'clock at the meeting of the Hebrew University Forum. The speakers are Moshe Kohn of The Jerusalem Post and Dr. Gideon Shimoni of the Institute for Contemporary Jewry. The Hebrew University Forum will take place at the United Synagogue, 2 Agon, Street, Jerusalem.

Ethel Reitenberg, chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, gave a reception at the Seligberg-Brandels Comprehensive High School, Jerusalem, in honour of the national president of Hadassah, Bernice Tannenbaum. (Communicated)

Staying at the King David Hotel: Yitzhak Perlmutter, violinist; Oscar van Leer. (Communicated)

ARRIVALS

Prof. Michael Seid, president of the Weizmann Institute, from Heidelberg, Germany, where he attended the annual meeting of the American Physical Association and was elected its president. (By El Al)

Jesse Zel Lurie, executive editor of Hadassah Magazine, to attend the World Conference of Jewish Journalists.

Ray Bray, assistant vice-president, marketing, The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. of Canada.

DEPARTURES

Actress Miriam Lavin, to the U.S., where she is studying theatre arts at UCLA.

Pets 'return from the dead'

Jerusalem Post Reporter METULLA. — Pet owners here who thought their animals had been killed by poison in a recent anti-rabies campaign are overjoyed because their dogs have "returned from the dead."

The recent precautions against rabies prompted local authorities to spread meat and fish laced with strychnine through the town. Most pet-owners did not see the warning notices, and left their dogs and cats to run free. They were dismayed when their animals "died" and were carted off to the municipal garbage dump.

Next morning most of the pets turned up, staggering at their homes after having spent a night sound asleep in the garbage dump.

Metulla residents treated their pets with milk and most of the animals survived.

Envoy to Sweden

Jerusalem Post Reporter YAKOV DORON has been appointed ambassador to Sweden for a period of three months, until the arrival of the new permanent ambassador, Mordechai Kidron, delayed for personal reasons. The temporary appointment was made because of the importance given to improving relations with Sweden, which recently had a change of government.

On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear mother and grandmother

SYBILLA LEVY

Widow of Richard Levy

a memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, 1977, at the Holon Cemetery. We will meet at the new gate.

Our sincere thanks to all who extended condolences.

The Family

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In deep sorrow we announce the untimely death of my dear husband, our father, grandfather, brother and uncle,

HAROLD WYNICK

on January 8, 1977 (19 Tevet 5737).

Shiva will be observed at 13 Rehov Weizmann, Rehovot.

Peggy, Joy and Simon, Rehovot
Susan, Nessim, Eli and Yaron, Beerseba
Ellis and Judith Wynnck, London
Ena Morris, Tel Aviv
Nieces and nephews

The Management and Staff of Ligat Ltd.
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mourn the death of their colleague

ZVI H. WYNNICK

and offer sympathy to the family.

Allon: Caretaker gov't fit to hold U.S. talks

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent The fact the present government is now a caretaker government will not prevent its holding "clarifications" with the new U.S. administration including meetings at the highest level, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Cabinet yesterday.

A source close to the minister said later this also included, if need be, the period taken to form a new government after the May elections.

The new U.S. administration would like a meeting with the Prime Minister as well as Arab leaders before it adopts positions, according to informal contacts with Washington, Allon said. The Carter administration, which takes over next week, might choose other means for consultations such as a tour of the region by new Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

"We have seen to it that the new administration will not adopt a position, or take an initiative, without first hearing us," Allon said.

It was thought doubtful whether high-level preliminary Israel-U.S. consultations could take place before April, or even before the May elections, an official source said later.

Emphasizing the competence of a caretaker government to hold such diplomatic discussions, Allon said the talks with the new U.S. administration would be in accordance with decisions of the Government before it had resigned, and those of the Knesset.

Allon also said he "wouldn't be surprised" if UN Secretary-General Waldheim visits Israel at the end

of this month, or the beginning of the next. Waldheim will be informed again tomorrow, at a scheduled meeting in New York with Ambassador Chaim Herzog, that he would be welcome here if his visit stemmed from UN Resolutions 242 and 338, but not on the basis of last month's Egyptian-Syrian resolution.

(This called for early reconvening of the Geneva conference, and charged Waldheim to report back to the Assembly by March 1. It also indicated, but not explicitly, PLO representation at Geneva.) Israel will decline to discuss that resolution with Dr. Waldheim.

Allon denied U.S. press reports that Israel had sold arms or military equipment to Greece and Turkey.

On current inter-Arab discussions, the meeting of foreign ministers in Riyadh, and other planned meetings, the Foreign Minister said the efforts were centred on getting Jordan "back into the picture." Saudi Arabia was very active in this respect, as was Egypt, which however was under pressure from the PLO, particularly after Sadat's statement on a Palestinian state linked formally with Jordan. Syria, he said, was doing the same, but by trying to establish contacts between Jordan and elements of the PLO, mainly the Fatah.

On the Lebanon situation, Allon reiterated that Israel would not agree to the entry of any foreign forces in south Lebanon, but only the Lebanese army.

'Big Egged branches get new buses, outposts suffer'

By YORAM HAMIZBAHI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Yossi Sarid, MK said yesterday the reason Egged supplies poor service in old, uncomfortable buses to the Kiryat Shmona area is because the members of the cooperative in the town have little, if any, influence on the central Egged management.

Egged drivers in Kiryat Shmona admitted Sarid's charge, telling The Jerusalem Post that because they can concentrate only a few votes in Egged elections they have little influence on what buses the small branch gets. They compared the situation to the large branches in central Israel, where the members' powerful influence secures their branches new, more-comfortable buses.

Egged officials in Kiryat Shmona denied Sarid's charges, pointing out that the branch had received three new Scania buses to bolster the 39-bus fleet.

Sarid charged that Egged packs too many people on old buses on the long three-hour routes from Kiryat Shmona to central Israel. He said he had complained several times about Egged's policy to the Transport Ministry, but, since his complaints had brought no results,

he said he plans to bring Egged's poor service to Kiryat Shmona before the Knesset.

Another northern leader also came out strongly against Egged yesterday. Dan Levanon, chairman of the Upper Galilee Regional Council, said his council would ask the Transport Ministry for authorization to buy 15 buses so that the council would not have to rely on Egged to take children from outlying settlements to school. He complained that, while the council pays Egged a total of IL5m, every year for special services — thus being Egged's largest customer in the North — Egged retaliates by cutting services to settlements that are completely dependent on the cooperative for public transport.

Levanon described a journey from Tel Aviv Kiryat Shmona as "a nightmare." He said that the buses pick up so many passengers on the way that only lucky passengers can hope to get a seat. On Egged's lines from Kiryat Shmona to Jerusalem during the summer, he said, the passengers' plight is worse: they are packed into old buses, most of them without air-conditioning, through the sweltering Jordan Valley.

Revenue collectors will set up their own union

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new trade union is to be established by 7,000 Finance Ministry employees. They are the ministry's revenue collectors, including those who work in the income tax and customs departments.

The workers authorized their staff committees yesterday to break with the Histadrut's Civil Servants Union, to which they had been affiliated.

The revenue collectors are at the bottom of the civil service wage scales, a staff committee member who works in the income tax department in Tel Aviv told The Jerusalem Post.

Post. "We are tied to the tail of 300,000 civil servants with whom we have nothing in common."

A local department head whose decisions can be challenged only in the District Court, and is often responsible for many millions of pounds worth of transactions, takes home IL3,500 a month with 25 years' seniority, according to the committee member. He gets another IL400 if he uses his own car.

The revenue collectors, who held a mass meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday, will hold another in Jerusalem today and a final one in Haifa tomorrow. No strike decision has been taken, and the collectors insist that the mass meetings were not intended as a form of job action.

The new union will be independent in the same way as that of the teachers or social workers, the committee member explained. It will not leave the Histadrut.

The Ministry of Finance spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that he was not aware of the revenue collectors' complaints. "It must have something to do with wage claims," he said.

NRP postpones party elections

Jerusalem Post Staff

The National Religious Party's central committee yesterday voted to postpone internal elections until after the Knesset elections.

Outgoing Interior Minister Yosef Burg told NRP members that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was unfair if he had planned to oust the NRP and carry on at the head of a caretaker government — without telling his coalition partners.

He said it was folly to believe a minority government could remain in office for six months, until the Knesset elections.

YAMIT OPENED a day nursery for the children of working mothers yesterday. The state-sponsored nursery, located in an apartment building, cares for 35 children from four months to three years of age.

On the first anniversary of the death of the beloved head of our family

SALO SCHARF

we will visit his grave at the Giv'at Shaul Cemetery, Jerusalem, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 1977, meeting at the Cemetery gates at 2.45 p.m.

The Family



FIVE GENERATIONS—Juliana Lebel, 94, holds her great-great-grandson, Meir Elharar, just home from the hospital. Also in the picture: Juliana's daughter, Hanna Holstein, 72 (extreme right); Hanna's daughter, Rachel Aviad, 51 (extreme left); and Rachel's daughter, Hedva Elharar, 24, (helping great-great-grandma hold her baby). The baby's father, Yitzhak Elharar, is in charge of the Civil Guard in Neve Ya'acov.

Surgeon-snatching alleged by Beersheba school

By HAIM SHAHAM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem snatched a large part of the surgical staff of the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba, leaving the Negev without surgeons, an MK said yesterday. Jacques Amir (Labour), from Dimona, quoted a complaint by Prof. Moshe Prywes, dean of the Medical Faculty of Ben-Gurion University.

In a reaction to the charges, the management of Shaare Zedek said they would welcome an investigation by a reliable authority; but they could not engage in an exchange of accusations in the press.

Amir was speaking to the Knesset's State Control Committee. He has already sent a letter on the subject to the State Comptroller, he said.

Prof. Prywes wrote to Amir in mid-December saying that when the head of one of the surgery departments at Beersheba for Shaare Zedek, six doctors followed him.

"I wrote to Prof. David Maier (director of Shaare Zedek) and asked him not to accept these doctors," Prywes is quoted as saying. He added that without the doctors the hospital could not guarantee adequate medical service to the

population of the Negev.

Prof. Prywes claimed it was "unprecedented in Israel or in the entire world" that the transfer of the head of a department should mean the dissolution of the department. Doctors in Israel were "shocked" at the development, Prywes claimed.

Prof. Maier was unavailable for comment last night, but a reliable source told The Jerusalem Post that the six doctors involved had left Beersheba of their own accord and not at the behest of department head, Dr. Jerry Jerky, who previous to coming to Israel had been principal surgeon at the Johannesburg General Hospital in South Africa.

Dr. Jerky, who had come to Beersheba for a 12-month trial period, was head of one of the two surgery departments at the hospital. The source said that the doctors had asked to go with Jerky because of his skill. Four of the six would have left Beersheba in any case, the source said.

The source also contested the statement that such a transfer was unprecedented and gave as an example the surgery department of the Afula hospital which followed its head to Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus. It was certainly not uncommon in the U.S., he said.

It was noted that the pay scale

at the two hospitals are identical, and that four of the six doctors are junior surgeons, unable to accept private patients in either hospital. The move still leaves seven senior surgeons and eight junior ones in Beersheba, the source said.

In any case, the six doctors had agreed to stagger their leaving one a month — so as to ease the burden on the hospital. The source also questioned the motives of Prof. Prywes in bringing up the question in mid-December, while the resignations were all in August.

Another source spoke of general dissatisfaction with conditions for doctors at the Beersheba hospital and especially criticized Prof. Prywes. As head of the medical faculty and director of Kupat Holim for the South, Prof. Prywes had unprecedented authority, the source said, and many doctors were unhappy with his decisions.

It was pointed out that some 60 doctors had left Soroka Medical Centre last year. The head of the nephrology department, a world authority in his field, left on sabbatical and it was not known if he would return. The sole nephrology specialist remaining had to be helped out by personnel from other departments. The head of the ophthalmology department had also left, the source said.



Mothers from development towns appear studios at an Education Ministry adult education seminar at Jerusalem's Holyland Hotel yesterday. The seminar lasts for a week. The women, all blessed with large families, are staying at the hotel for the duration of the course. (Elihu Harati)

Gov't uncovers 375 bogus welfare cases

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A recent clamp-down on welfare recipients by the Welfare Ministry turned up 375 bogus income declarations in the last five months, the ministry spokesman said yesterday.

In 330 cases, the ministry dropped aid entirely. In 45 cases it reduced aid and submitted claims for the return of back payments with interest. The cuts will save an estimated IL4.5m this year.

Four hundred cases were investigated between August and December, and another 700 are still under investigation. In all, there are 20,000 welfare recipients throughout the country — individuals and heads of families.

The inquiries were launched in cases where social workers suspected that a client was submitting false information but had no proof. Some of the clients turned out to be owners of taxis, trucks, stores and other businesses, and some worked for under-the-counter wages.

Pact on arbitration body close

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Government and Histadrut teams working for the establishment of an arbitration body for labour disputes are likely to reach an agreement within a day or two, economic sources in the Capital told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The sources named Supreme Court Justice Zvi Berenson as the proposed head of the council, saying he would resign his court post before taking the new job. They also said Berenson is demanding that another judge be appointed his deputy.

According to the sources there remain two central problems that must be resolved before an agreement can be signed.

First, the Government demands the inclusion of a clause by which the arbitration body would have to consider the general economic situation before giving verdicts on labour disputes. The Histadrut opposes this clause. The arbitration

council will be empowered to "create new rights" — "new rights" being wages higher than specified in applicants' labour contracts. The Government's demand that the council consider the general economic situation is an attempt to minimize this prerogative.

The Government's second demand is that the arbitration council's powers be defined by law. The Histadrut opposes this demand and it was learned that the Government is willing to concede on this issue.

El Al to form charter firm

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al has decided that if it cannot beat the decision to permit charter flights — it will join it by establishing a subsidiary for charter services.

Its board of directors made the decision at the weekend, subject to approval by the Ministerial Economic Committee later this month. The company fears that charter flights on its regular routes will divert passengers and wishes to compete for its share in the charter business, an El Al spokesman said yesterday.

The new firm will make no investment in planes or equipment, but will rent craft from El Al and hire both El Al and other personnel. The company will also offer its services for cargo transport. It will concentrate on charter services from Germany and Scandinavia, and will try to develop other cargo destinations.

Moves to cool down race for premier

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres and former Prime Minister Abba Eban met in Jerusalem yesterday, while top Labour Party leaders moved to cool the rivalry for the premiership.

Details of yesterday's meeting between Peres and Eban, Prime Minister Rabin's main contender for the top spot, were not revealed.

Eban is expected to clarify his position regarding his candidacy later this week, a source close to him reported. Former prime minister Golda Meir told Peres on Monday that the Labour Party is facing a tough struggle with other parties and it is a pity it should be weakened by internal struggles. This is a clear indication, she was quoted as saying, of his decision to challenge.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, party's secretary-general, Zarmi, former El Hadrat Secretary General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, other Labour Party leaders, called for a halt in the premiership.

Meanwhile, Rabin and Peres, one of the heads of Bank Hapoalim, have been speculating that both Eban and Rabin should join their teams, members say that much would depend on the teams presenting the contenders for the premiership.

A source close to Levinson said: "Nothing has been decided about Levinson joining election campaign."

Herzl Blvd. both ways from tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Herzl Boulevard in Jerusalem is to become a two-way road tomorrow at its Kiryat Moshe end, where road construction has kept another carriageway closed for 17 months.

It is expected to take another year for a third two-lane carriageway to be completed. When it is, the two lanes on the west side of the road will be converted to exclusive bus lanes. Until then, it will mingle with regular traffic.

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the late Minister's family ask continue it in seeking to clear name. The family, he noted, had legal standing in the matter. It would have legal recourse, he said, such as the libel law.

Minister of Police Shlomo expressed his conviction, in another question, that the more concerning allegations relating to Asher Yadin, of had not originated from police files.

Elil also dismissed as "base and vicious innuendo" that Asher Yadin had been of a deal whereby he would be liable if he would turn state witness agree to incriminate Ofer.

It is learned that no Mr. raised any proposal at yesterday's meeting for a continuation of inquiry into the case by any means, such as a parliamentary public inquiry commission, according to an authoritative source did any Minister express dissatisfaction with the reports submitted the Cabinet.

Ofer probe

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sion, a meeting was held at bureau with the participation of the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Police and myself. The course of that meeting, we considered the question in details could be reported to My position was that we should this case act in accordance the accepted rule, whereby the son concerned is not given a on the contents of a probe after its completion — that is, at a stage at which a decision be reached whether to open investigation in the course which the person concerned is to be interrogated, or whether to that material of the probe shelved. At the same time, I that there was nothing to p Ofer being informed that the was in the stage of completion that an effort would be made complete it as soon as possible.

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East Talpiyot power supply to be improved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A solution to the problems of supplying power to the East Talpiyot housing development was agreed upon yesterday at a meeting between officials of the East Jerusalem Electricity Corporation and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The Arab-owned company agreed immediately to erect an additional electricity line to the development as an alternate power source. Within two months it is to complete a substation in the neighbourhood with two lines of its own. The neighbourhood will thus have four alternate power lines, according to a ministry statement.

Meanwhile, Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Matza (Likud) yesterday called for the creation of a government committee to investigate the capability of the East Jerusalem company to provide electricity to the new suburbs across the Green Line. Pending completion of the investigation, he said, the Government should reduce the company's concession area. Matza, who was visited by angry East Talpiyot residents Friday night following a failure in their neighbourhood, made his plea in a letter to Mayor Teddy Kollek. The mayor is abroad.

Anti-inflation meet to resume

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Efforts to curb inflation will be resumed this week-end when representatives of the Histadrut, the Finance Ministry and the Coordinating Committee of Economic Organizations meet to decide on a series of steps to blunt spiraling costs.

The first of these meetings took place last Thursday, when Histadrut Secretary-General Yoram Meshel was summoned by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Also present at this meeting were the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Upper Nazareth mayor quits Labour to run independently

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Upper Nazareth mayor Mordechai Allon and two other members of the 11-man Town Council yesterday announced that they were withdrawing from the Labour Party and setting up their own list for the next elections. The list is to be called "For Upper Nazareth."

At a press conference here marking the 20th anniversary of Upper Nazareth's founding, Allon and his two colleagues made public a letter they had sent to Labour Party secretary Meir Zarmi on Friday. In it they explained they were leaving the party because of "internal machinations" against them which was counter to sound democratic practice.

This referred to the nomination of Allon's rival in the local party, labour council secretary Menachem Ariav, as party candidate for mayor some months ago. Ariav had Zarmi's backing.

Allon afterwards secured the signatures of about 3,500 of the town's inhabitants who support him. Allon told the press conference that Upper Nazareth was a well-run town which has accumulated in 20 years of growth a deficit of only £1,370,000. "We are almost ashamed to admit it," he said.

The mayor outlined plans for future development of the town as a tourist and summer resort.

"I feel that my party colleagues have let me down," Allon told the press conference. "I have invested my life in helping build up Upper Nazareth. Let the residents decide whether I should go on."

Yadin: Not afraid of Trojan horses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Yigael Yadin indicated yesterday that he was not afraid that his Democratic Movement for Change might be letting a Trojan horse full of "professional splinters" into its midst by joining forces with some of the groupings it has been negotiating with.

At a "get acquainted" meeting with about 400 members and sympathizers at Jerusalem's Beit Hamahandes, Yadin acknowledged that meetings had been held two weeks ago with the Free Centre's Shmuel Tamir, and yesterday with leaders of the Independent Liberal Party. He said that the DMC would accept in its ranks people from any party who subscribed to its principles and conditions — including the ones that Knesset members who represent other parties resign their seats before joining.

The movement's present leadership was only temporary, he stressed. All its institutions would be chosen in direct, secret elections to be held in the near future; and any member could put forward his candidacy for any post. No one has been promised a place on the Knesset list or anything else, Yadin said.

He hoped that the movement's Knesset slate would be completed by the middle of March, and its platform well before then.

Yadlin, still ill, wants his trial on time — but doctors will decide

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Asher Yadlin's doctors and his lawyer will meet tomorrow to decide whether to request a delay in the opening of his trial, scheduled for January 17.

Yadlin reportedly told his lawyer, Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, that he wants no delay in his trial, for any reason.

Yadlin has been at Beilinson Hospital since Tuesday with what doctors describe as "gall bladder trouble and a mild heart attack."

Prof. Ciro Servadio, director of the hospital, told reporters that Yadlin's condition is improving but that "he must not strain himself physically or mentally." His lawyer was told not to discuss the trial with him.

Other visitors to Yadlin's bedside included his wife and daughter, one of his girlfriends and Health Minister Victor Shemtov. All the visitors said he was in good spirits but weak.

The charges against Yadlin, which include fraud and bribery, were to be read in court on January 17, with the trial proper to begin in early February and to continue on consecutive days until concluded. Although Yadlin, who claims he is innocent, demands that the original schedule be followed, the final decision will be left to his doctors.



Violinist Yitzhak Perlman, a paraplegic, shows keen interest in the musical performance of a handicapped girl at Alyn Orthopaedic Hospital in Jerusalem. The girl is playing a Melodica specially converted so she doesn't have to hold it. Perlman also performed during his visit. (Werner Braun)

'Abraham lived 700 years before accepted date'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Patriarchal period should be moved back some seven centuries in history on the basis of the cuneiform tablets found at Ebla in northern Syria, David Noel Freedman said yesterday.

Dr. Freedman, director of the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, discussed the tablets in a lecture at the Rockefeller Museum.

He said the tablets, some 18,000 of which have been uncovered in the past three years, mentioned as some of Ebla's trading partners the five "cities of the plain" referred to in Genesis 14 — Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim and Bela. These cities, subsequently destroyed by a great catastrophe, were flourishing at the time of Ebla's ascendancy. This period is estimated by Freedman as 2700-2600 BCE — and not the 24th century, as previously stated by the two Italian scholars working on the Ebla tablets, Paolo Matthiae and Giovanni Pettinato. (The two Italians are themselves in disagreement now about the dating.)

Linking the Ebla king, Ibrum, with Eber, the biblical ancestor of Abraham, Dr. Freedman deduces from the biblical chronology that Abraham may have lived in the 25th century BCE. The Patriarchal period is dated by most scholars about the 18th century BCE.

Dr. Freedman recently returned from the U.S., where he accompanied the two Italian scholars on a lecture tour. The museum lecture hall yesterday was filled to overflowing.

Judges believe Park Hotel arsonists 'sent'

TEL AVIV. — The District Court yesterday convicted two 20-year-old men of setting fire to the Park Hotel in Netanya last March. The blaze killed six persons and injured 37.

But the judges said they were convinced the two, Mordechai Azrad and Moshe Kahalon, had been sent by others. They advised the police not to close the case, but to seek out the ones behind the fire — which bore all the signs of retribution for failure to pay protection money.

The two were charged with murder, but the court felt it "could not be certain they had been fully aware of the possible consequences of their act, due to their state and mental level." It convicted them of manslaughter, instead.

The charge sheet said Azrad and Kahalon acceded to a request by one Shimon Sofer (now awaiting trial) to set the fire. They tried to do it on March 17, but could not break into the hotel's basement nightclub. They came back and set the fire in the nightclub three nights later. The fire spread to the hotel's entire nine floors.

Sentencing was deferred pending a report on the two from a probation officer. (Hfm)



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Old City evacuees 'fully compensated'

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Chairman of the Company for Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem last night that every Arab evacuated from the quarter received sufficient compensation for better housing — generally better housing.

According to criticism of recent evictions, Yosef Geva said that the three families moved at week consisted of 12 persons who were occupying a single room and a half-room flat in Shimon's said.

"I said that eight or nine persons remained to be evacuated from the quarter. He added that he objected for nationalist reasons leaving the quarter desolate. "One of the evacuated last week told me it wasn't a problem of an alternate housing; he didn't want Jews living in the city."

A Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and the Arab quarter, called for a halt to evictions from "the so-called Jewish Quarter."

Daniel Amit of the Hebrew University, one of the committee's members, said the evacuation last week was the beginning of a new phase in removing the small number of Arab families remaining in the Jewish Quarter restoration. This area, he said, was

the size the quarter was at the turn of the century, but twice the size it had shrunk to by 1948.

Prof. Yisrael Lév of the Hebrew University said the evacuations were a jarring note in the current political atmosphere promising progress on Arab-Israeli peace talks.

One of five Arab evacuees appearing at the conference, Sheikh Abed Abu Maswadi, said he had been evicted in 1973 from the home he and his family had occupied for 25 years. He said he did not want compensation payments, only the right to return to his home "to live in peace and security." He said the house had been standing empty since his eviction.

Amit said Mayor Teddy Kollek had promised that Arab residents and shops would not be evacuated from the south side of the Street of the Chain, even though it was part of the area expropriated in 1948 for the Jewish Quarter restoration. In recent weeks, however, a number of occupants had received notices from the Company for Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter asking them to evacuate the premises.

Amit said that 130 houses belonging to the Mughabi Waqf (religious trust) had been destroyed in 1968 to make way for the Western Wall Plaza. Although the Waqf in general appeared to be exempt from evacuation orders, he said, these orders continued to be applied against Mughabi Waqf property.

Taxes seen rising

Treasury to cut down on sale of bonds

By GIDYON ESEKET
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Treasury is considering a reduction of the government's role in the capital market, the aim of allowing private investors to raise capital directly.

Ministry Director-General Shimon, who announced this, said a policy document effect will be issued within a few days. He did not go into details, but it was learned that the plan will include the following:

• Large government bonds will be sold gradually to 70 per cent of the new commission of the market. Dr. Ben-Ami Zuckerman, appointed yesterday in place of Shimon, had suggested several months ago that new issues, over a period of 10 years, be sold at 2 per cent each.

• State funds and similar institutions, which now are obliged to invest 85 per cent of their funds in government bonds, will be free to invest a larger share in non-government bonds.

• The state budget will depend less on income from taxes. (The 1977 budget calls for 1,000 million in revenue from this source.) A reduction in this source will mean an increase in other sources of revenue.

• The view that income tax will have to rise after the 1977 election is being studied.

They are now studying a bill by Absorption Minister

Shlomo Rosen to raise the rates by 10 per cent.

• The interest rates on development loans granted by the government would be raised to narrow the existing gap between the government's borrowing and lending rates.

Treasury experts have been unhappy for some time about the government's large role in the capital market, claiming it is the only borrower willing to borrow at the full current rate. (Until last year the government borrowed at 10 per cent, while banks and other institutions were guaranteed at 4 per cent.) Only recently new bonds issued were reduced in linkage to 80 per cent. Only banks and a small number of industrial concerns have been able to compete to some extent, with bonds or shares bearing similar returns.

Since the government absorbed the shares of savings, it has had to supply industry with capital funds through development loans, which were granted at 15-18 per cent interest, unlinked. With inflation running at 35 per cent per year, this amounted to a negative interest on government lending; and the gap between this and its borrowing had to be closed by massive sales of new bond issues.

Together with the appointment of Ben-Ami Zuckerman, the Cabinet yesterday approved the nomination of Gloria Gazit as Accountant-General (instead of Haim Stoesel) as of January 15. Zuckerman will also take over as insurance and savings commissioner in March, when Ya'acov Pickler retires.

Parents want 'fair and equal' integration

by MOSHE KOHN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Day-home strike scheduled to start at Jerusalem's eight state religious elementary schools has been cancelled.

The parents received the right unless there is progress, "on their demand for what they consider equal integration in Jerusalem's religious schools."

They kept their school-grading "recognized" (though semi-private) schools.

At present these schools may register children from all school districts and are not required to accept all applicants, while state-operated schools may register only children from their districts and must accept all applicants. As a result, Noam and Horev have a far lower than 80:70 ratio of disadvantaged to high-level pupils, whereas the state religious schools have a higher-than-optimal 40:60 ratio. Furthermore, it is general knowledge that Noam and Horev have padded their "disadvantaged" rolls by including in them children from large families of Western origin who are not culturally deprived.

These two schools will now be required to come four-square into the integration as of the 1977/78 school year — i.e., starting with the school registration to take place at the end of next month. Moreover, their disadvantaged registry will be checked by the educational authorities.

Ya'acov Cohen, Jerusalem district inspector of the ministry's religious education division, and municipality officials are to meet in the coming days to discuss implementation of this.

Where the parents are not yet fully satisfied is the matter of the integration programme's post-sixth-grade intermediate division (junior high school).

Here the problem is that some of the schools involved are included and others are scheduled to be included in the intermediate division at Boys Town Jerusalem, in the Bayit Vegan quarter. By everybody's admission, this consists almost entirely of disadvantaged pupils.

Pending implementation of fair and equal integration in the junior high school as well as in the first six grades, the parents are demanding that their schools be permitted to continue operating seventh and eighth grades — especially as the authorities also admit that integration has been working successfully at these schools.

In the coming days, Shmuel is to discuss the junior high school issue with parents' representatives. This will be preliminary to a discussion between Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yadin and Mayor Teddy Kollek, after the latter returns from a mission abroad in about two weeks.

Among the other participants in yesterday morning's meeting, besides Shmuel, Cohen and the parents' representatives, were Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadish and the ministry's Jerusalem district inspector, Gershon Bergson.

Abu Daoud arrested

out for him. This means that although he is not known to have been involved in terrorist activities in France it was our duty to hold him."

It is not known whether Abu Daoud's appearance has changed since he sported a drooping moustache and tinted sunglasses in photographs published six years ago. The French police declined to reveal how they identified Abu Daoud in spite of his forged passport and new identity.

A police spokesman said: "He was not armed when we arrested him. He made no effort to resist. He will not be questioned here. That is the job of our colleagues in the countries which want to extradite him."

Abu Daoud's trail has been hard to follow since King Hussein released him in 1973 after commuting the death sentence passed for planning to attack the Jordanian Prime Minister's office in Amman. He emerged during the Munich massacre and other terrorist outrages, but always managed to avoid capture.

The funeral of Saleh, which brought Abu Daoud to France, was attended by hundreds of Arabs on a flat here 18 months ago. A spokesman said: "Abu Daoud was arrested because there given prominent coverage by French television."

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(Not reaching a decision, he noted that with a decision, he would come back.)

An urgent meeting for the MK Shmuel Tamir of the Israel Police, to ask France to extradite him to Israel, Tamir noted that law provides for legal action against a terrorist even if he is outside the legal jurisdiction (state).

A French spokesman said that Israeli and West German requests to be examining Daoud's direction de la Surveillance Interne (DST), the French intelligence unit, may have government orders to fighting with Palestinian terrorism, mounting the arrest of Daoud.

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing was not to expose France to the Palestinians for designed to render their harmless. But the DST was to be eager to avenge one of two of their men, who had been arrested in France, was a national terrorist leader, in a flat here 18 months ago. A spokesman said: "Abu Daoud was arrested because there given prominent coverage by French television."

Guerrillas threaten new war in Angola

WASHINGTON. — Guerrilla groups opposed to the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, which won that country's civil war, are still creating chaos in the countryside that may presage a new round of warfare.

The pro-Western insurgents have cut coffee production by 80 per cent, caused slowdowns and strikes in the cities, sabotaged industrial production, halted the Benguela railway and confined the Cuban troops in Cabinda, Angola's oil enclave, to the provincial capital and the oil installations.

The guerrilla groups recently met quietly in Kinshasa, capital of neighbouring Zaïre, to coordinate their efforts against the Angola government.

The mid-December meeting did not result in a common front, although Holden Roberto — head of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola, a rival of Agostinho Neto's Popular Movement — often seems to be trying to give the impression that he speaks for other groups as well as his own.

Nonetheless, despite the various opposition groups' differences in aims, methods, supplies and effectiveness, they have reorganised in the past few months and now pose a military and political threat to the common enemy. For instance, the resistance groups in Cabinda, have tied up one-fifth of the government's Cuban allies, who are engaged, ironically, in protecting the installations of Cabinda Gulf, a subsidiary of the Gulf Oil Corp.

The guerrillas are being aided by villagers who refuse to cooperate with the Neto government, diplomatic sources say, and drawn

captured weapons and hidden caches of arms received during the civil war.

Perhaps most surprising of the guerrillas' successes has been the effectiveness of Roberto's National Front in the north. One European diplomat said, "They're fighting like soldiers that know U.S. jets aren't going to come pouring in to aid them."

On a fund-raising trip to Europe towards the end of last year, Roberto said that his Front has "10,000 well-armed soldiers and 7,000 insufficiently equipped auxiliary forces."

Other observers put the figure much lower.

Since no independent observers have been allowed into northern Angola for nearly a year, it is difficult to arrive at reliable estimates, but most diplomatic and military sources calculate the National Front's military strength at about 3,000 — although they add that those soldiers are much more effective than they were a year ago when they relied heavily on the Portuguese, British and American mercenaries who have now left.

The Front's apparent success in northern Angola is especially surprising since it lacks any party structure and its principal leaders are out of the country. Roberto himself lives in Zaïre, where by all accounts he is broke. The Front's former Secretary-General, Johnny Eduardo Pinheiro, runs a taxi concession in Kinshasa. And Daniel Chipenda, who left the Popular Movement for the National Front, is reported by British and Front sources to be living comfortably on money seized from Angolan banks.

(The Washington Post)

'Frontline states' favour Rhodesian rebel alliance

LUSAKA. — Black Africa's "frontline" states held out the prospect yesterday of an end to Rhodesia's guerrilla war once "colonialism, oppression and racism" are eliminated in the white-ruled territory.

The leaders of Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Botswana and Angola also announced they were giving "full political, material and diplomatic support" to the alliance formed by nationalist leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo.

The communiqué, read out by Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere at the end of a two-day summit here, left a question mark over the extent to which the black African states were supporting the new British efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the black-white conflict in Rhodesia.

British negotiator Ivor Richard had been seeking a public assurance from the "front line" leaders that a switch to black majority rule in Rhodesia would be peaceful and orderly and that the guerrilla war would stop once an interim government is established.

But the communiqué said: "The leaders of the frontline states reiterated their conviction that the armed struggle is a product of colonialism, oppression and racism in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)."

They also called for the removal of these evils while creating the conditions for peace and justice and inevitably bringing to an end the armed struggle."

In describing this as less than the commitment Richard wanted, British sources said: "If you read between the lines it may not be so disappointing."

In announcing backing for the Mugabe-Nkomo "Patriotic Front," Nyerere said: "We have decided to give full political, material and diplomatic support to the Patriotic Front to enable that Front to realize the objectives of the struggle in Zimbabwe."

Observers said the proclaimed support for the Patriotic Front was a major diplomatic defeat for the two other main nationalist leaders, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and Bishop Abel Muzorewa. (Reuters)

D'Estaing halts guillotine

PARIS. — Two French gypsies, condemned to death by guillotine for the murder of two British hitchhikers, were granted clemency on Saturday by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. He ordered that they spend the rest of their lives in prison instead.

Marcelin Hornech, 28, and his nephew, Joseph Keller, 24, were condemned last July for stabbing to death Clyde Lutter and his fiancée, Joyce Jaffe, 20, in August 1972.

Hornech and Keller were the third and fourth condemned killers granted clemency by Giscard d'Estaing since he was elected in 1972. Last February, he pardoned a 17-year-old youth and six months later a 44-year-old man. Both had been convicted of murdering elderly women.

A fifth man, 21-year-old Christian Rannucci, convicted of murdering a young girl, was not granted clemency and was guillotined last July.

In the U.S., Gary Gilmore, the 38-year-old convicted murderer who demands that he be executed, waits alone in his cell for his death by fir-

ing squad, scheduled for next Monday.

Civil rights and anti-capital punishment campaigners were still trying to stop the first execution of a prisoner in the U.S. for nearly 10 years.

They fear that Gilmore's death could trigger off a wave of executions among 400 prisoners who have been waiting in U.S. condemned cells while courts argued whether capital punishment was constitutional.

The campaigners say there is probably only one channel remaining to get the execution postponed — the Federal Court in Salt Lake City.

SINATRA. — Helicopter pilots yesterday said they believed they had spotted the wreckage of the private plane carrying the mother of singer Frank Sinatra which crashed last Thursday in rugged California mountains, but fierce winter weather has prevented searches from investigating further.



PUBLICITY STUNT. — Cairo newspapers speculated yesterday that Egyptian actress Sobeh Ramzi's declared engagement to actor Omar Sharif is a publicity stunt. After she refused to tell Egyptians about her new romance on a television interview, "Al Gomhouria" wrote in a headline "The truth is lost," and "The mystery of Sharif's engagement to Miss Ramzi deepens." Sharif denied the claim, made by the 30-year-old actress. "This is nothing but a gimmick," Sharif said on Saturday before flying back to Paris. "I do not plan to get married." A friend who was one

of about 70 guests at a party thrown by Miss Ramzi last Thursday — at which the alleged engagement took place — denied that anything of the sort had happened. "Nobody told me about any engagement, and nothing of the sort was announced at the party," said director Hilmi Rafia. But Miss Ramzi, who was married three times previously, insists that she and Sharif exchanged rings, and the wedding will take place in May — her mother and sister back her story. The photo above shows Sharif and Miss Ramzi at Thursday night's party. (UPI report, AP radiophoto)

China's Post-Mao Politics — Part II

Sino-U.S. riddle unsolved

WORLD SCENE
Sasson Jacoby

WHEN CHAIRMAN Mao Tse-tung caused the great schism with Russia and split the Communist world through his interpretation of Marxism, he also changed the global power struggle between Communism and capitalism. Where the post-war pattern found the U.S. and Russia striving to undermine each other, Mao made the game of international politics much more complex.

The Sino-Soviet ideological rift enabled China and the U.S. to get together after almost a generation of separation. Their mutual suspicion and hostility, however, were too deep to be overcome quickly. Mao himself once said, "There is no third road." For he knew he had to rely for a long time on Soviet economic support.

It was not until 1971 that Mao and Chou En-lai, and Nixon and Kissinger, initiated the process of Sino-American "normalization." Neither side deluded itself that it was anything other than common concern over the USSR that had pushed them together.

For its part, the Kremlin had absolutely no illusions about Peking's desire to see Soviet and American power balance each other. The top Soviet political commentator, Yuri Zhukov, quoting a Chinese proverb, recently wrote in "Pravda" that "Peking wanted to sit on the mountain and watch the two tigers fight."

When Mao died four months ago, the Soviets began waiting sweet signals towards Peking. In Washington, there was doubt about the carefully nurtured relationship with Peking until it was known who ruled the Chinese roost. The issue remains complicated today, the more so with the disclosure of bloody clashes before and after Mao's demise.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS may loudly proclaim the evils of American capitalism, but China's relations with the U.S. always differed from the other foreign powers who inflicted a century of humiliations on China after the Opium War of 1839-42. Like the others, Americans came to China for trade and profit, but it must be remembered the U.S. was never a colonial power except for its westward expansion on its own continent.

When foreigners forced the Chinese to open up "treaty ports," which included degrading extrajurisdictional, the Americans got that privilege too. They also got a "concession" in Shanghai, in that great port city's northern district of Hongkew, but they must have had qualms about this for it soon became part of the International Settlement. (I can recall a vestige of this American bit of colonialism in the city of my birth: the name "Broadway" for a street in Hongkew which the Chinese called Pa Lo Wei. It would be interesting to know what the Shanghai municipality now calls it.)

It was the U.S., declining to join fully in colonialism, which in 1899 proclaimed the principle of "open door" trade with China. At first, nobody took seriously the diplomacy of Americans, who were considered at the time political upstarts. But Secretary of State John Hay, who had predicted great things for China, addressed notes to Britain, Germany, Russia, France, Italy and Japan urging a free approach to Chinese trade, with Chinese tariffs to be collected by Chinese officials regardless of spheres of influence. Britain was receptive (because it



Nixon and Chou

wouldn't harm its interests), the others were non-committal, and Hay unilaterally proclaimed the "open door."

It did not prevent further exploitation of China, but it did begin the slow process, after 80 years of rampant colonialism, of phasing out such indignities as special privilege and extrajurisdictionality. It culminated 47 years later, at the end of World War II, with full Chinese sovereignty over Shanghai's International Settlement and French Concession.

WITH AMERICAN traders had come the missionaries, and their influence in 19th century China was great. They came not only to save souls but to introduce modern education and medicine in the country. By helping Chinese learn the ways of the West, the American missionaries had a large part in breaking the obstinate hold on the past in the latter period of the Ching dynasty. The Chinese they influenced were often scornfully referred to by other Chinese as "rice Christians," for obvious reasons, but some played a part in the downfall of imperial rule in 1911. Washington itself relied heavily on missionaries for inside knowledge of the country and many were also involved in diplomacy. The Communist Chinese have little sympathy for Christian works in their country, but they must be

cognizant of the American humanitarian role there in the pre-Communist period. They know too that after the Vietnam war America doesn't represent a threat to Chinese aims in the Pacific.

A couple of weeks ago, new Chairman Hu Kuo-feng delivered an address in which he only briefly mentioned foreign policy. He equally criticized the USSR and the U.S. But the facts show that the Chinese leadership still looks to the U.S. to limit Soviet territorial ambitions, because the Chinese fear their own independence could be endangered by such aims.

Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, who is now U.S. President-elect Carter's energy chief, was touring China when Mao died. In late October he addressed the Foreign Policy Association in New York and described China's attitude as "turning to the barbarian far removed to give assistance against the barbarian close at hand. That is not altogether flattering for our self-image, but it does underscore that the Chinese respect the potential strength of the United States, and the willingness to use it."

MAO PROBABLY died disappointed with the U.S., because of its apparent lack of resolution against the Kremlin. Lesser Chinese motivations for the approach to America were the desire for technology and to make progress over the issue of Taiwan, seat of the Nationalist "Chinese Republic" of China, which island both Chinese regimes claim is an integral part of China. And failure to establish full U.S.-China diplomatic ties is because of Taiwan.

The 1972 Shanghai communiqué signed by Chou and Nixon is the root of the problem. It called for relaxation of U.S.-China tensions to normalize relations; it said all of China (mainland and Taiwan) is one country; and that interference in the internal affairs of a country will not be tolerated.

The unofficial U.S. interpretation is that this doesn't interfere with its relations with Taiwan, which has a de facto character of long standing. The Peking Chinese, however, insist they cannot have full relations with Washington until it closes its Taiwan embassy and scraps its defence treaty with the Nationalists. In other words, Peking takes the Shanghai communiqué as meaning a go-ahead for instant normalization.

But the Americans feel that if they do this over Taiwan's dead body, then their credibility in the world would vanish. The U.S. will not normalize relations without a guarantee that Peking will refrain from taking Taiwan by force — a guarantee Peking obviously cannot give. It is a conundrum which neither Chinese nor Americans are able to solve.

The important foreign policy issue in the ongoing Peking succession struggle is still whether China can continue to expand its U.S. ties or seek a reconciliation with the USSR. The question will continue to be asked in the foreseeable future. (This is the second of two articles)

Thieves get away with huge haul from Spanish cathedral

MADRID. — Police watched airports, border crossings and ports yesterday in a hunt for burglars who last night ransacked the Murcia Cathedral treasury and got away with a total of more than 7,000 diamonds, emeralds, rubies and other gems.

Jewellers estimated the value of the stolen gems at 300 million pesetas (\$6.4 m.) or even more.

The thieves, believed to be two and to have had intimate knowledge of the 18th century church layout, used a blow torch to cut their way through several chains, iron bars and metal doors to eventually gain entry to the treasure room of the museum. They left behind scores of items of lesser value and took only some two dozen pieces, including brooches, rings, necklaces and the crowns belonging to life-size images of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus. The two crowns alone contained 5,862 and 1,748 jewels respectively.

The crown who had taken charge of the cathedral museum only eight

days earlier, Victoriano Esgueva, said the stolen articles were priceless. Whatever is advanced in figure is pure speculation.

"The historical, spiritual and religious value is incalculable," Esgueva said. "As for the material value, there has been no calculation."

A Madrid jeweller said that in a theft the usual first step was to remove the jewels from their settings, he said. According to official sources, the jewels were insured.

A similar theft took place years ago in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, when thieves stole jewels valued at about \$1.4 m. from a shrine of the Virgin del Pilar authorities said.

'Newsday': CIA killed Cuban pigs

GARDEN CITY, New York. — A "U.S. intelligence source" has revealed to the Long Island daily "Newsday" that operatives linked to anti-Castro terrorists introduced African swine fever into Cuba in 1971, the paper said yesterday.

The disease doesn't affect humans, but 50,000 pigs had to be killed, the source said. "Newsday" said the source claimed he was given the virus in a sealed, unmarked container at Fort Gulick, a U.S. Army base in the Panama Canal Zone; that he gave it to some unnamed person in the Canal Zone who in turn gave it to someone else aboard a fishing trawler off the Panama coast. From

there, "Newsday" said in its edition, the virus was taken, and stopover at a deserted island, and handed over to another unnamed operative at a rendezvous on the south coast of Cuba. The source said, according to "Newsday," he did not know what was in the container and that he only assumed CIA was involved because "we were well paid for this, and Cuban groups don't have that kind of money." "Newsday" said the virus was revealing the informant because he is a member of a Cuban exile group being investigated by U.S. for terrorist activities in Florida.

'La Passionaria' to end exile

BEograd. — Dolores Ibarruri, the exiled "La Passionaria" of the Spanish Communist Party is to return to Spain after an absence of 38 years. Santiago Carrillo, the Secretary-General of the Spanish Communist Party who was released on bail in Madrid two weeks ago, told the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug on Saturday that "we hope the authorities will make no problems about the return of 'La Passionaria'."

"In case she does not obtain a passport," Carrillo added, "La Passionaria will turn up at the Madrid airport illegally."

"One of the first things I did upon leaving jail," Carrillo also told Tanjug, was to call up "La Passionaria" in Moscow, tell her I was free and that she should be able to return now.

"For a few moments she was speechless and then she said she had packed her suitcases and would take the first plane out as soon as we advise her to leave," Carrillo said in the Tanjug report. (AP)



Dolores Ibarruri

'Al Ahram' says French arms giant to participate in Arab project

CAIRO. — Four major French defence firms have agreed to take part in a project to produce weapons in Egypt, the semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" said yesterday.

The firms had agreed to take 49 per cent of the capital in the Arab Military Industries set up last year by Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, the paper reported.

It named the firms as the Marcel Dassault Aviation company, which builds the Mirage jet fighter; Aerospatiale, which produces military transport planes; and Thomson-CSF and Matra, which

produce anti-aircraft guided missiles. "Al Ahram," quoting French sources here, said the four firms agreed to send military experts to train Egyptian workers in the factories.

The reported agreement follows talks between French Defence Minister Yvon Bourges and Egyptian War Minister Gen. Mohamed Abdul Ghani Ghamdy during 14 days of talks here. (Reuters)

RAILWAY STRIKE. — The Lanka Government called up armed forces volunteers on Saturday to be ready to take over services as an 18-day railway strike threatened to spread to other sectors and paralyse the country. Officials declined to reveal the number of troops called up but the action was taken to meet possibility of bus and dock workers joining the strike.

MALLOU. — Chad President Malloum said in Cairo yesterday that he had discussed differences between his country and Libya's President Anwar Sadat and was convinced that the problem could be solved peacefully.

Try to communicate

LONDON. — Dairy farmers who want more milk from their cows should pat them, sing to them or even swear at them, but never ignore them, according to a British agricultural scientist.

A four-year survey of 50 herds showed that cows with higher yields had "cowmen who talk to their cows, pat them and go up to them in the fields," Dr. Martin Seabrook of Nottingham University said yesterday. (UPI)

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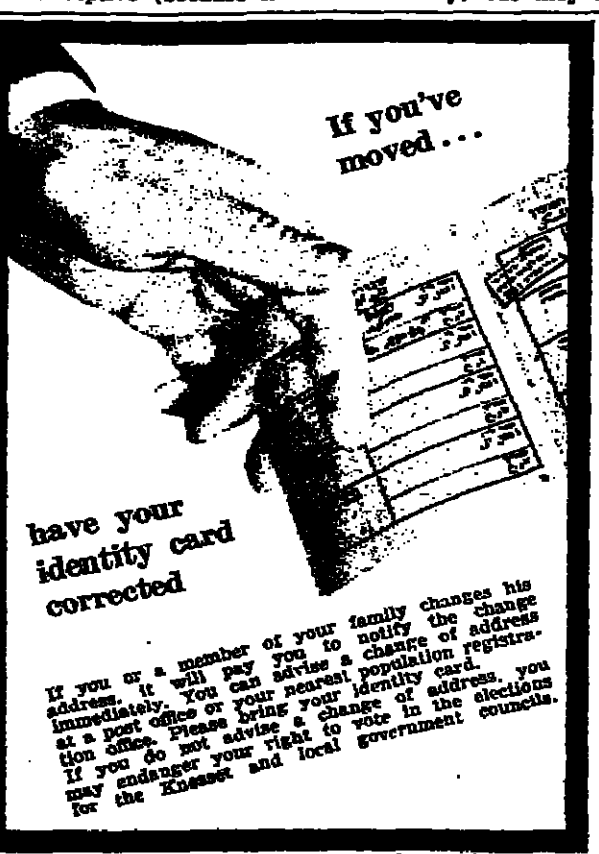
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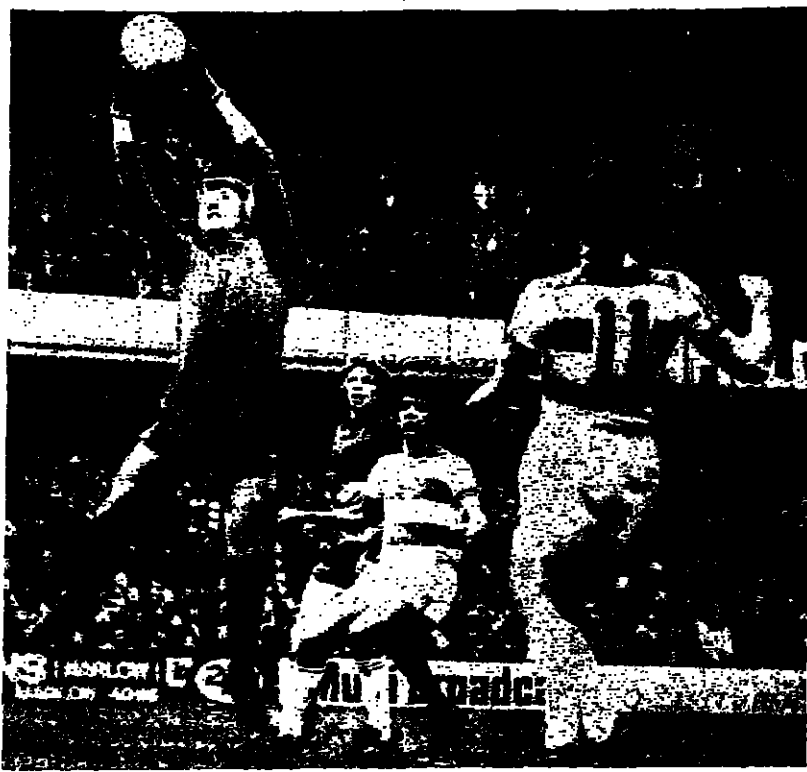
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On Tuesday, January 11, 1977, the second (west) lane of Sderot Herzl between Rehov Kiryat Moshe and Rehov Farbatstein will be opened to traffic. The following changes will be made in public transportation routes:

- Routes 6/1 and 6/2 will proceed in the direction of town from Denmark Square to the Central Bus Station via Sderot Herzl without entering Rehovot Beit Hakarem, Farbatstein, Kiryat Moshe. From town to Mt. Herzl, these routes will travel via Rehov Kiryat Moshe and Rehov Farbatstein. There is no change in Route No. 6.
- Route No. 8 from Beit Hakarem to town will proceed via Rehovot Beit Hakarem, Farbatstein and Kiryat Moshe. The bus stop for this route at Binyanei Ha'ozma is henceforth cancelled and will be located in Rehov Yafa opposite the Central Bus Station. From town to Beit Hakarem, Route No. 8 will travel via Rehovot Ben Dor, Farbatstein and Hehalutz.
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- Route No. 10 bus stop at Binyanei Ha'ozma is cancelled and will be transferred to Rehov Yafa, opposite the Central Bus Station. As road surfacing work is still in progress along Sderot Herzl, drivers coming from the Sderot Weizmann — Shazar intersection are requested to continue using the Rehov Ben Dor — Farbatstein route when travelling to Mt. Herzl.



Shrewsbury Town goalkeeper Ken Mulhearn foils a challenge by Don Givens, no. 11, of Queens Park Rangers during an English Football Association third round cup match in London on Saturday. (AP)

Maccabiah planners meet here this week

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT GAN—Planning of July's Maccabiah will reach its final stages this week when the International Maccabiah Committee for the 10th games gathers here for a three-day meeting.

It has already been announced that the 1977 games will be the biggest yet, with upwards of 2,000 Jewish athletes from 37 countries competing in 27 sports.

The committee's deliberations start on Wednesday, following a two-day plenary meeting of the Maccabiah World Union executive, which gets under way this morning. Both gatherings take place at Ramat Gan's Kfar Hachoshana.

Some 45 delegates from Europe, the Americas, South Africa and Australia are joining Israeli Maccabiah leaders at the two meetings. Officiating will be Britain's Pierre Gildesgame, president of the MWU and the games committee, and Dr. Israel Feled, Mayor of Ramat Gan, who has succeeded Gildesgame as Chairman of both bodies.

On Thursday, all delegates will be received in Jerusalem by President

Caesarea wins women's bowls

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV—Caesarea won the women's section of the new Israel Bowls League over the weekend, clinching the issue with a great 27-7 home-win against Ramat Gan.

The Caesarea club, which only opened a year ago and is the newest of the local bowls association's four greens, was skipped by Bernice Pillmer. Her team-mates were Sylvia Nathanson, Edna Mandelkern and Joan Bloch. The winners finished with 10 points from six games, leaving Ramat Gan A as runners-up, two points behind. Wooden spoonists among the seven entries were Ramat Gan B. The 10-team men's section is building up to a tense climax, with the weekend's

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Financials lead market

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The heaviest trading session of the new year, which saw a volume of over 11.7m. stocks scored another broad advance. A financials continued to act as leaders. The big three banks moved for almost 11.5m. of total amount traded. (See most active issues box).

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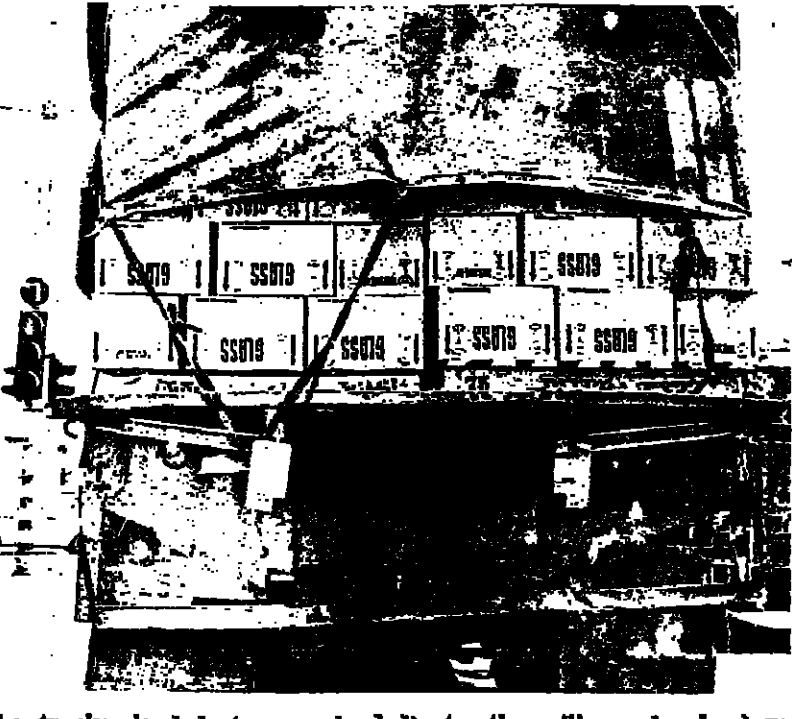
Truckers up fees to help pay overload summonses

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Trucking Board has announced that it is raising haulage fees to help pay for summonses handed out by the police to truckers who overload their vehicles.

In a further protest action, truckers hauling building supplies to the Lakrun Road section of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, which is being strengthened, yesterday refused to continue with their work as long as they were being ticketed by the police. A meeting with Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi to discuss the problem of overloading has been scheduled for tomorrow, it was learned last night.

According to a board spokesman police have recently started giving out these summonses, in spite of a status quo agreement reached some years ago with the Transport Ministry, which was also approved by the Economic Ministers Committee. According to the agreement overloading of trucks was to be tolerated by the police.

Following the recent action by the police, the truckers are now observing load limits strictly, but in re-



Only trucks loaded (or overloaded) to the gills make haulage profitable, the truckers claim. Notice the boxes with glassware piled on upside down.

taliation — against the customers — they say they have to raise haulage fees between 40 and 60 per cent. They claim that existing fees were made possible only by the tacitly approved overloading.

In justification for their step the truckers quote a 1972 survey commissioned by the Transport Ministry, which found that observing the load limits would entail an extra outlay of almost half a billion pounds in extra trucks, higher fees and other expenses. At the time it was agreed

Air freighters optimistic in 3rd month of operations

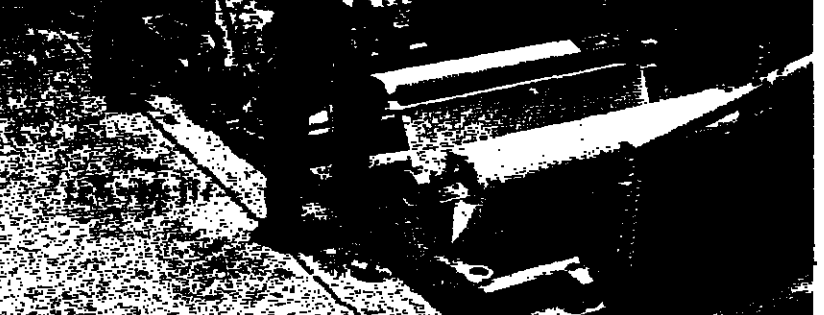
By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The Cal cargo airline expects to wind up its first calendar year of operations with a modest profit — or, at the very least to break even, commercial manager D. Borovitz told The Jerusalem Post. He said that cargo loads carried on the home-bound runs, which are the decisive factor in determining whether or not the company will wind up in the black this year, turned out to be better than their most optimistic expectations. "We averaged a 25 per cent load factor on return flights during November, our first month of operation. This increased to 50 per cent in December and, if present bookings are any indication, will amount to some 80 per cent this month."

"It is true that production costs were \$300 per ton on Europe-bound agricultural cargoes during the initial two months, but with the increased load factor on the east-bound flights on the increase, we believe that we have already crossed the \$800 per ton threshold and will continue to make good," he said. "At any rate, our shareholders are glad to foot our bills. A full 51 per cent of our shares are owned by the agricultural sector. If they would have continued to pay the old EL AL cargo rates they would have been worse off than they are now. As the situation is now, farmers — specifically Agreco — will be shipping out some 25,000 tons with us this year, paying the same sum they paid EL AL last year for only 13,000 tons. The same ILI/75m. they paid then will buy this year, turned out to be better than their most optimistic expectations. "We averaged a 25 per cent load factor on return flights during November, our first month of operation. This increased to 50 per cent in December and, if present bookings are any indication, will amount to some 80 per cent this month."

Current flights are leaving at a rate of two per day and will reach their peak this week. A second Jumbo, leased from World Airways of San Francisco, is expected here this week and will enable Cal to schedule a third trip per day. "This plane is somewhat more expensive because of ferrying costs and also because protracted negotiations with EL AL compelled us to order the additional Jumbo at very short notice. This drove the price up, as did the fact that we will be using the plane for only five weeks," Borovitz said.

Habad Hassidim make cloth in Kiryat Malachi

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The new plastic textiles plant of the David Deitch family, which specializes in the manufacture of corduroy and synthetic velvet, was recently inaugurated at Kiryat Malachi. The factory employs 50 workers, occupies 4,000 square metres of building area and a 12-dunam plot and cost \$2m. to build. The investors are Habad Hassidim from Connecticut, who chose the site because it is a development town, and is also next to the Nahlat Har Habad quarters here. David Deitch, board chairman of the parent company, Deitch Plastic Co. Inc. said that the new plant here will receive production know-how and sales help from the parent company. The owners have appealed to several of their Jewish workers in the U.S. to come on aliya and work in the Kiryat Malachi plant. Several have agreed to come. The group is headed by one of the family of the investors. A Habad spokesman told The Post that the Lubavitcher Rebbe was the one who initiated the whole idea and pushed the Deitch family in their venture. More than once the family thought of giving up the idea, but the Rebbe pressed, and today the plant is a reality. The plant's export target for the first year is \$6.5m. and sales to the local market of about IL50m.



Corduroy and synthetic velvet cloths on the automated production line at the new Kiryat Malachi plant. (Freidin)

Mexico woos Jewish tourists

By CAROL COOK
Special to The Jerusalem Post
MEXICO CITY. — The "Jewish Boycott" of tourism to Mexico ended — officially at any rate — a long time ago, but tourism authorities continue to undermine the importance of the Jewish visitor to Mexico's slumping travel industry. In one of his first official actions, the new Tourism Minister, Guillermo Rosell de la Lama, met a group of Jewish leaders in New York and Washington. Later, he was quoted in the Mexican press as saying that the "international Zionist movement" had promised to encourage tourism to Mexico. Most of the Jewish agencies in the U.S. and Canada have already reinstated Mexico in their tour plans. But despite the fact that many foreign travellers in Mexico are Jewish (by one estimate, they account for 20 to 25 per cent of all visitors to the Pacific port of Acapulco) — the solutions to Mexico's tourism problems he also added.

Borough council status for Haifa's Kiryat Haim suburb

By YAA'COV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Members of the management of Kiryat Haim's cooperative water supply society, which acts also as a kind of local authority, have accused chairman Ze'ev Shoshani of neglecting the suburb's water system and of wasting money on ostentatious projects to build up his own prestige. They also charge that since Shoshani has been chairman, he has maintained himself in power by resorting to his double vote to turn a six to six division of the management into a majority for himself. He has also suspended the functions of the public control committee set up 40 years ago and installed an "internal controller" who was subordinate to himself only and forbidden to give information to anybody else, the critics claim. At a recent press conference, deputy chairman Gloria Fischer and

Foreign debt almost \$9b.

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel's foreign currency debts increased last October by \$54m. and reached a total of \$8.6 billion. It was revealed yesterday in a memo by the foreign currency department of the Finance Ministry. Short-term debts in October 1976 increased by \$65m. to a total of \$665m. Medium and long-term debts during that month increased by \$19m. Contrary to earlier reports it now appears that there has been a decline in the net sales of Israel Bonds. In the period January to October 1976, sales came to \$177m., compared with \$190m. in the same period of 1975. A decline in revenues from such sources as capital brought in by new immigrants and from German restitution payments has also been noted. According to the memorandum, 232,000 Israelis travelled abroad during the first ten months of 1976, receiving an average travel allowance of \$587 each. During the same period of 1975 the average allowance for the 223,000 travellers was \$576. The country's total foreign currency assets amount to \$5 billion, of which \$4.6 billion are held in local banks. Liabilities (debts), on the other hand, come to almost \$9 billion.

Oil analysis helps avoid breakdown of machinery

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Panel Laboratories is a science-based enterprise which intends to introduce new methods and services in the field of preventive maintenance in industry and in motor transportation. The firm opened recently in Ramat Aviv. Panel Laboratories is a section of a consulting company for the setting up of plants, which was founded by Dr. Paul Ohana, who came to Israel four years ago from Morocco, where he was the managing director of oil refineries and consultant to the Moroccan government on oil and petrochemical industries. In the first stage the laboratory will deal with the analysis of lubrication oils. This is intended to ascertain the condition of the oil, to set the correct time for oil changes, and to measure the wear and tear of equipment gauged by the amount of metal particles found in the oil. When a fault develops in a motor or in any other equipment using lubricant, the number of tiny metal particles sloughed off into the oil because of friction increases and it is possible to forecast a breakdown. Analysis by a spectrometer is the only one which makes it possible to discover signs of deterioration long before there are any outward symptoms. The spectrometer analysis can identify in a sample of oil concentrations as small as one-millionth of 14 different chemical elements. Panel Laboratories serves oil refineries, the petrochemical industry, tracking companies, the electricity company and kibbutz plants. The procedure is simple, a customer sends a small plastic bottle with a sample of used lubricant for a regular test. The analysis is completed within 24 hours and the findings are processed by a computer. The results are entered on a special analysis card which, accompanied by recommendations and a diagnosis, is sent back to the customer. Together with Paul Ohana, who is an engineer, the firm employs three university graduates and two laboratory assistants. Its manager, Boaz Barak, a Technion graduate, managed a similar laboratory for five years in the army.

Poles offer to sell Israel coal

TEL AVIV. — Poland has offered to sell Israel large amounts of coal, the general manager of the Israel Electric Corporation, Ariel Amiad, said here on Friday. Amiad said the offer came through "normal commercial channels." He did not say if the offer would be accepted by the Electric Corporation. Speaking at the Engineers Club, Amiad explained that the coal exporting countries have recently built up a large surplus, and that Israel has received offers from many countries at very low prices. Amiad said it is better for Israel to use coal rather than oil for producing electricity. He said that, unlike oil, there is enough coal to serve the world for the next 300 to 500 years, and that coal is not subject to the same political pressures. (Rim)

Shipping rates up

HAIFA. — Freight charges on the sea routes between Israel, the Mediterranean ports and Africa, will go up on January 15 by 7 per cent on imports and by 3.5 per cent on exports from Israel. Agreement on the rise, which will be in force for six months and will then be reviewed, was reached last week between the Shippers Council and the Zim management. Negotiations for the rise on the northwest Europe lines have not yet been completed. The increase will raise Israel's freight bill for imports and exports by over IL100m. a year.

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Law Report

Edited by Doris Lankin

POLICEMAN MAY BE DISMISSED WHILE CRIMINAL CHARGES PEND AGAINST HIM

The High Court of Justice dismissed an order nisi calling upon Inspector-General of Police to cause why he should not be dismissed from the police force. The order was made by a magistrate in the District Court, Ramat Aviv, on the basis of a petition, a sergeant in the force, has a charge of accepting bribes pending against him in the District Court. In the meanwhile he had a notice discharging him from police force on the strength of section 10(2) of the Police Ordinance (Version) 1971. The attorney wrote to the Inspector-General of Police objecting to his dismissal and maintaining as his client had been charged a criminal offence he could be suspended from the force on the basis of sections 73 and 74 of the Police Ordinance, and could not be dismissed under section 10(2). This objection was rejected. The petitioner petitioned the High Court of Justice and was granted order nisi.

Section 10(2) of the Police Ordinance provides that: "The Inspector-General may suspend, reprimand, discharge or dismiss any police officer other than a police officer who is proved to be negligent or otherwise generally inefficient in the discharge of his duties or otherwise to have committed those duties."

Section 74 provides that: "Where a police officer is under investigation for a criminal offence, felony or misdemeanour, the Inspector-General may suspend him from the force. Provided that the police officer may only be suspended with approval of the Minister."

The return by Mr. Menahem Eshed for the petitioner and Mr. Barak, Assistant State Attorney, the respondent.

Judgment was delivered in the opinion of the High Court of Justice, Justices Eliazar and Kalm Shvangor.

Yehuda Haik, Petitioner, v. Inspector-General of Police, Respondent (H.C. 337/76)

THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AT THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Before Justices Eliazar, Kalm and Shvangor.

Yehuda Haik, Petitioner, v. Inspector-General of Police, Respondent (H.C. 337/76)

unfit to serve as a policeman. In short, he held, there is nothing in the wording of the Police Ordinance to justify the conclusion that section 74 precludes the dismissal of a low-ranking policeman who is being investigated for criminal offences. All that that section aims to achieve, he continued, is the suspension of a policeman who is being investigated for a criminal offence, without any connection with the question of whether he has been efficient or suitable for his job in the past, or not, and if this section had not existed it would have been impossible to suspend a policeman suspected of having committed a criminal offence if he had proved to be good at his job in the past.

It was perhaps surprising to point out, continued Justice Shvangor, that if the legislature had wished to limit the powers vested in the Inspector-General by section 10(2) by excluding the right to dismiss a policeman against whom a criminal investigation is being conducted, they would have done so expressly. In the absence of any such express provision, therefore, section 10(2) must be construed literally, particularly since the provisions of section 74 do not completely overlap it and add to its meaning instead of derogating therefrom.

This conclusion, Justice Shvangor added, is consistent with the purpose of the Police Ordinance, which vests policemen with wide powers and entrusts them with a great deal of responsibility, while in return, providing the competent authorities with the necessary measures for safeguarding the standards, efficiency and integrity of the force.

The net result is, concluded Justice Shvangor, that there is nothing in the Police Ordinance to justify the argument that the Inspector-General may not dismiss a police officer who is proved to his satisfaction to be unfit to carry out the duties of a policeman even if the same acts which give cause for invoking his powers of dismissal also constitute an offence for which the policeman is being investigated, and as the respondent's decision to dismiss the petitioner in the present case had been well-founded, the order nisi should be discharged.

Order nisi discharged with IL1,500 Judgment given on November 21, 1976.

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Tragedy beyond the law

THERE CAN BE little real argument with the Attorney-General's opinion to the Prime Minister yesterday that the police probe regarding Avraham Ofer be discontinued. Such a probe could no longer serve its original purpose — to determine whether there is a basis for judicial action. Nor could it assure justice to the deceased, since his testimony and response to any charges are no longer attainable.

The Attorney-General's opinion is firmly anchored in the law. So too is his statement that "a person is deemed innocent as long as a court has not decreed otherwise. The late Minister Ofer was deemed innocent while alive, and so does he remain in death."

Yet from the point of view of public attitude, this means that the law is also unable to lift the cloud which, justly or unjustly, hung over Ofer.

It was precisely this cloud, and the manner in which some of his colleagues responded to it, that so tormented Ofer. The Attorney-General's report on the sequence of events explains in part how the Prime Minister and the other ministers involved became locked into a situation in which they could not satisfactorily respond to Ofer's desire for a quick resolution of the inquiry and for knowledge of what offences he was alleged to have committed.

New testimony involved delay, and correct legal procedure required that he not be informed of the contents of the inquiry. All were caught up in a tragic procession of events. The tragedy cannot, of course, be undone. But certain lessons can be learned.

Public figures must not only be right with the law, they must also be above suspicion. For what is at stake is not legalities, but public trust. When suspicion that warrants a probe does arise there should be a mechanism for temporary absence from office. And this should be accompanied by a clear statement to the public — which need not compromise legal proprieties.

With such procedures there would be no need and no place for hyperactivity by the press to uncover a suspected cover-up. For it is precisely when it appears as if public figures are being shielded that they run the risk, in a free society, of being malign-ed.

PRIMING THE PUMPS

THE NEWS THAT President Carter's administration intends to refloat economic activity in the U.S. by pumping into circulation an extra \$15 billion this year and the same next, will bring pleasure to the hearts of those statesmen who are looking to the economic big three — the U.S., West Germany and Japan — to lead the world out of its business slowdown.

Their satisfaction derives from the belief that the three prosperous economies will import more than before, which gives an opportunity to countries saddled with trade deficits, such as Britain and Italy (and Israel), to step up their foreign exchange earnings.

The trouble is that deficits have become chronic in world trade, owing to the vast surpluses piled up by the oil powers. If we take the 21 members of the OECD (other than the big three), their combined shortfall on current account during 1976 was \$29b.

The deficit of Third World nations (other than Opec) was over \$40b. It has been bridged in part by inter-governmental aid, but has depended for the rest on bank loans. Lacking borrowers in the recession-prone industrialized countries, the banks loaned lavishly to the less-developed countries, and now realise that they have hit the limits (in terms of the debtors' capacity to repay). So the purchasing power of those territories is probably going to sag.

The three surplus countries do not have so big a surplus either. It totalled only \$6.5b. last year; and the governments in question are unlikely to let their accounts deliberately move into the red in order to oblige the less-competitive economies.

The economic problem facing the non-Communist world in 1977 is therefore threefold. First, something has to be done about the extortionate policies of Opec. Second, there must be better planning of international money flows.

Third, those countries which have allowed their growth to stagnate (pleading the oil-price explosion as an excuse) must resume investment, in order not to fall behind in the economic race. The danger is that the shortage of foreign currency which is strangling world trade may strangle economic activity too in the weaker states, so that they will be made less competitive than they were in the past.

The hope that Jimmy Carter, Chancellor Schmidt and Japan's new Premier, Takeo Fukuda, will step up demand inside their economies underlines the need among other countries to take what opportunity there is to match that resurgence. Otherwise the gap between the surplus and deficit states in the OECD will become so wide that a new category of semi-developed countries may have to be introduced, between the advanced economies and the Third World.

Elections as theatre

There is too much appearance and not enough substance to the Israeli democratic process, and that's the trouble with it, says YA'ACOV ARDON.

IT ALWAYS happens that about a year before the Knesset and local authority elections, the political parties rediscover that forgotten or ignored entity — the electorate. The Israeli parties regard the citizen as a sleeping partner for four years until the time comes for him to drop his vote into the ballot box.

By "parties" we mean the small groups of men in the large and costly political organizations, from the leaders in high public office, who are appointed or elected (usually by a small clique), down to the various office-holders in the branches — in short, all those who are personally affected by the outcome of the vote.

The parties treat the voter almost in the same way as female bees which kill drones after they assist in the act of fertilization. In our political bee-hive, the voters are spared because they are needed for another act of fertilization four years later.

Whatever the internal disputes, jealousies and intrigues among the would-be queens in a party, all its workers are united before election time on the common objective: to arouse the sleeping voter, make him see the light, and persuade him to put the right slip of paper into the ballot box. Once this is accomplished, the party hands take a rest, evaluate their campaign effort, pay the accumulated debts, and go back to the routine of ignoring the electorate and their own pre-election promises. The ideal electorate is one that disturbs the party as little as possible and remains in a safe coma until the next polling day.

NOW FOR a close look at what happens at party headquarters once an election date has been fixed. Public relations firms are enlisted to work for the good of party. An election committee, headed by the party's most promising treasurer, gets together with the PR experts to prepare two battle plans, one against the voter, the other against the competition.

The main objective is to scrub the party's public image, tarnished as it usually is by the follies, errors of judgment and even delinquencies of its prominent figures during the preceding three years. The PR men are hired, usually at great cost, to make the image shine again in our unenlightened minds, and they use every possible device. From promises of peace on earth and clean air above it, to threats of perdition if we vote for the wrong list.

The vocabulary of the PR men needs to be examined in the interests of public mental hygiene. Their concern is with the party's "image" not with the party as it is, nor with what it did or didn't do in the previous three years, but with how we can be persuaded to see it "right." The PR presentation deals with appearances and not with things as they are. It must convince the voter of the party's "credibility," another fashionable term in the arsenal of verbal weapons. Old-fashioned truth and truthfulness are of little interest to the public-opinion manipulators!

The parties usually disclaim responsibility for the performance of most of their ministers in domestic matters, or at most will say that they did the best they could in the circumstances, given the fact that the country must spend enormous amounts on defence, absorption of immigrants, education, and so forth. The election campaigns of the Alignment parties may be expected to deal with issues that are "safer": foreign affairs, defence, relations with the U.S. and the Common Market, full employment, improvements in the balance of payments, and the foreign-exchange reserves.

The opposition parties will also deal with these subjects, in addition to some which the Alignment's PR men will play down or avoid altogether, like inflation, corruption, waste, poor work morale and low productivity. No election campaign in the past has ever raised issues like the quality of public transport and of telephone services. Nor has any party brought up effective consumer protection against shoddy goods, overpricing of farm products and other realistic or traffic deaths.

All this is the result of the spuriousness and theatrical character of our democratic process. The citizen casts his vote for a party, lured to the box by the manipulated image of one or several leaders. He rarely knows more than the first five or six names on the list of voters, and he knows even less about the others for his strange names and strange faces.

Only when the citizen votes for an individual whom he can watch and judge over a period of four years, will the political parties and their PR men learn that they owe the electorate something in return for his votes.

THE ISRAELI TENNIS CENTRE, built in Ramat Ha'Sharon, is an important asset to the nation. It was put up by foreign donors entirely at their own expense. They did not receive an agrona from the Government.

Their initiative permits Israel to be host-country for the first time to a top-ranking international tennis tournament, billed to take place in May. Thirteen courts exist already. Another four are under construction, including a centre court with 5,000 seats. Everything must be ready by the stated deadline.

But the deadline will probably not be met, in one respect at least — owing to an absurd failure of decision by the public authorities.

A road is required — a simple thing. It need only be a few dozen, or at most a few hundred yards long, linking the highway to the car park. Strictly speaking, the Government should build it. Not only will they do no such thing — they are preventing the ITC from carrying out the job at its own expense.

Behind this deadlock lies a difference of opinion between the Public Works Department and the local town council. The tennis centre, a stone's throw from the Country Club, is sited on a stretch of road which the PWD has declared to be an arterial highway; which means that no side roads can be built off it. The fact that a mini-Wimbledon has been erected there makes no difference.

They should have thought of that before they put it up," states Moshe Shohami, of the PWD.

THEN WHAT SOLUTION is there? An existing track extends at the back from the centre to another highway, running between Herzliya and Kiryat Shaul. "Use that," says Shohami.

The track is long, undulating and unpaved — and above all, it is excessively narrow. To make it wide enough for two lanes of traffic, the grove-owners on either side must be made to surrender part of their land, which requires the intervention of the local authority.

Peasah Belkind, Mayor of Ramat Ha'Sharon, does not understand why this is necessary; nor does Ian Froman, director of the ITC. Says Belkind: "There is absolutely no reason why a separate wide lane cannot be built, parallel to the arterial highway, from the traffic lights nearby to the tennis centre. The ITC are ready to build it — why not let them?"

It is indeed difficult to see why not. But that is something for the authorities to determine. The deadlock is between a branch of the central government and an elected local functionary, the mayor.

There must be a way of overcoming the impasse. The politicians who run the country have plainly a duty to intervene. The PWD belongs to the Labour Ministry. The local authority is under the supervision of the Ministry of the Interior.

The trouble is, neither of these august departments of State want to quarrel with personalities wholly or partly under their jurisdiction, who happen to be at loggerheads. The two officials, lodged in their respective fortified positions, dig their heels in; and that is that. A classic, text-book case of bureaucracy in the public service.

Getting the ball bouncing

An important international tennis tournament is to be held in Ramat Ha'Sharon in May, but the courts may be inaccessible because of a dispute between two authorities about a connecting road. DAVID KRIVINE takes a dim view of the power struggle which threatens Israel's mini-Wimbledon.

Mr. Shohami's holler-than-thou attitude towards the ITC is not helpful. If the organisers failed to realise that access would be a problem, the authorities cannot plead a similar ignorance. The area had been scheduled as a sports facility in the urban masterplan. Construction was properly licensed. The project was not kept secret — anyone with eyes in his head could see the edifice going up.

ANYWAY THE CENTRE now exists, it is not going to be dismantled.

Nor should it be. The site is a good one, and the venture altogether praiseworthy. Here is a magnet to attract tennis fans the world over. The first beneficiary will be Israel's tourist trade.

The sponsors are heart-warming enthusiasts. They have designed stylish training-jackets, marked "Israel Tennis Centre", which they make a point of wearing in the home countries. Interest is aroused among Jewish amateurs of the game. Many ask, "Can we get a jacket like that?" The answer is "Yes — for \$150." And the garments sell like hot cakes, according to Froman.

The payment makes the buyer a member of the centre, and goes to swell its budget. So far, \$1.5m. has been subscribed; another \$400,000 is needed to complete the job. But that is not all. The untiring sponsors want to build other centres in Jerusalem, Haifa, BeerSheva and possibly Eilat. They will be fun to play in, and nurturing grounds for future Israeli champions. If sufficient prize-money can be mobilised from benevolent donors, Ramat Ha'Sharon could win a fixed place in the circuit of international tournaments, with top stars contesting on its courts. Just the pressmen and TV crews arriving from abroad to cover these events would fill a medium-sized hotel.

Provided always that the Government breaks up this fussy little tiff, and decides once and for all how a viable asphalted two-lane approach road can be built at long last — in time for the tournament in May.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE YADIN MOVEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir: Yosef Goell's article, "The choices before Yadin" (December 28) is subtle and informed, but in my opinion, it gives the erroneous impression that the Democratic Movement's main source of strength lies in a merger with one or several other liberal groups.

Mr. Goell seems to overlook the D.M.C.'s appeal not only to the floating vote, but to veteran Alignment supporters too. From what I see and hear around me in such a traditional Mafpi stronghold as Kiryat Haim, many people are taking an active interest in Yadin's movement as an alternative to the Alignment. It is not so much a matter of the D.M.C.'s election platform and its declared stand on critical issues (people have come to distrust programmes and slogans), it is not so much what it says but who says it. Many of the loyal Alignment sup-

porters are not only disenchanted, but overcome by a desire to change and drop the team which let them down so badly, and the personalities of Professor Yadin and the people around him seem the best substitute for their first love, which has turned sour.

It is not just their integrity and sincerity that makes the D.M.C. leadership attractive. The fact that the new movement is starting from scratch, lacks funds and political sophistication, functions without a heavy party machine on a voluntary basis — all this is like a breath of fresh air in the cynical, jaded atmosphere of established party routine.

The emotional pull of the Yadin movement may be more decisive at election time than any potential merger.

Kiryat Haim.
PINNA GOLDNER

JUSTICE IN REHOVOT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir: — Yesterday, I saw a certain well-known former member of the dock workers in Ashdod sitting and drinking coffee in a cafe opposite the police station in Rehovot on the very day it was reported in the press that he was due to start to serve a two-month sentence performing certain chores inside a police station. This is justice seen to be done!
J.M. MARKS

Rehovot.

RESERVE DUTY WIFE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir: — I read Dorothea Shefer's "Confession of reserve duty wives" (January 5) with great pleasure. How right she is! Furthermore, it makes me feel less guilty to read that there are other spouses who enjoy their secret vices while hubby is in the army.
Still, let us hope Israel will be at peace and our men will be available for civil duty all year round.
BETTY J. MEYER
Ramat Gan.

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